



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.



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In the Know

Northwest Sets in Southeast

Groundbreakings are not much to look at, but they do signify a start of a new beginning. In this case this ground breaking is for the new Northwest Medical Center located at Houghton Town Center, next to the new Dunkin Donuts. This is Tucson's very first freestanding emergency room that will be located right here in Ward 4. It will be called Northwest Emergency Center at Vail. Northwest Medical Center opened in the Orange Grove and La Cholla location in 1983, doesn't seem like it was that long ago. Imagine, at that time that was considered the far Northwest part of town, and now look at how much it has grown. The new ER will have 12 private patient rooms with radiology and lab services on site. Many emergency services can be managed at freestanding emergency departments without the need for transfer to a traditional hospital setting.



"Our goal is to provide the communities of Vail, Corona de Tucson, Rita Ranch, Sahuarita and surrounding areas with easy access to emergency care-care that is typically provided in a hospital.

- Kevin Stockton, CEO Northwest Medical Center.

Northwest medical Center expects the new facility to be open in November.

Water Use Help

In the 1800s, water users met each year to elect a Zanjero (Zahn-HAIR-oh), or water manager, to make sure water users irrigated fields according to the community-developed schedule, thus preventing water waste. The Zanjero also made sure the water-carrying acequias (ah-seh-kee-ahs), or canals, were properly constructed and maintained so that life-giving water could flow to people's homes and farms. When water was scarce, the Zanjero had the authority to control water use for the benefit of the entire community.

Tucson Water's Zanjeros specially-trained water efficiency experts have performed thousands of comprehensive inventories of home water use that helped customers lower their water bills. You can also request a free individualized survey of home water use with tips and information on how to lower water use and water bills. If you are interested in finding ways to lower your water bills, request an appointment by calling (520) 791-3242 or emailing TW_CustomerService@tucsonaz.gov. For more information about this program, please visit

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/zanjero-program>.



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D-M Training

The Heritage Flight Training and Certification Course will take place here, Feb 26 through March 1. During the four-day course, civilian pilots of historic military aircraft and Air Force pilots of current fighter aircraft will practice flying in formation together.

Heritage flights raise public awareness of the Air Force mission and commemorate its history. The historic aircraft flying in this year's training will include the P-51 Mustang, the P-40 Warhawk, the P-38 Lightning, P-47 Thunderbolt and the F-86 Sabre. Air Combat Command's aircraft include the F-22 Raptor and the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP from TPD

The Tucson Police Department is committed to our mission to reduce crime in our community. Part of that mission includes educating our community members in ways that they reduce their likelihood of becoming victims. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility and the Tucson Police Department would like to partner with our residents to make our homes and neighborhoods safer with the following crime prevention tips:

Burglary Prevention

* Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened.

An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars.

Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three inch screws. All windows should have window locks. For residents with evaporative "swamp" coolers, who rely on an open window or door for enhanced airflow, consider a locking system that allows you to secure a slightly opened window in a slightly opened position that is too small for entry.

Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of wooden dowel in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.

* If you have an attached garage, always lock the door that leads into the house. Don't rely on your automatic garage door mechanism for security. In addition, consider updating your older automatic opener to include one with enhanced security features. Don't get in the habit of leaving your garage vehicle-door open when you are home and only closing it at night. Thieves need just seconds to take valuables from an open garage.

* Create the illusion that you are home through the use of timers on lights, radios and TV's. Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.

* Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted. Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost effective way to discourage intruders, as well as highlight and beautify a house.



* Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway or parking place, and to open and close curtains and shades to make it appear that you are home.

* Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home. A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.



Brain Buckets

Each year in the United States, more than 500,000 people are treated in the emergency room for bicycle-related injuries, with children under the age of 15 accounting for 59% of those injuries, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Head injuries account for 62% of all bike-related deaths. Studies have shown that wearing a helmet can reduce brain injury and permanent disability by up to 88%. It's called a brain bucket for a reason, so why not use that helmet you have. If your child doesn't have a helmet, good news, you can call TFD's prevention office at 791-4502 to reserve one.

If your child is just learning how to ride a bike, or you want to brush up on your safety knowledge, check out the dedicated page from TFD. The site includes tips about helmets, bike inspections, visibility, following the rules, and more. You can find their page by going clicking on this link, <http://1.usa.gov/1Cvr6CM>. Happy and Safe riding!

- * Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only seconds to break in through a concealed window or door.
 - * Organize or actively participate in a community watch program to protect your neighborhood. An alert community is a safe community, and your neighbors will be the first ones to recognize when someone or something is out of place.
 - * Avoid taking shortcuts through alleys or isolated areas. Stay on established and well travelled routes that are visible to passing motorists, residents, and others. Be aware of your surroundings. Remain alert, and minimize distractions, such as talking on a cell phone, wearing earphones, etc. Look around and take notice of people and vehicles around you.
- Do not look like a "victim." Interviews with convicted offenders have revealed that criminals "select" victims based on factors including how aware they seem to be, their apparent self-confidence, their posture and gait, and others. Counter this by walking with your head erect, making eye contact with the people you pass, and walking with a purpose.
- * If something or someone "just doesn't look or feel right", recognize and react to those feelings. Avoid the situation, turn and walk in the opposite direction or cross the street. Get to a more public area and call 911.



Highway Safety Grant

The Tucson City Prosecutor's Office is responsible for prosecuting misdemeanor crimes committed inside the city limits and cited by the Tucson Police Department. Each year the office prosecutes approximately 50,000 criminal cases in Tucson City Court. To promote the safety of Tucson's residents and visitors, we maintain high standards in prosecuting violations of the laws and respecting the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Arizona. Our prosecutors, and all of our staff, endeavor to aggressively pursue accountability for criminal behavior, while treating the defendants fairly and with respect. We stand up for victims' rights and the best interests of the residents, businesses and visitors of Tucson in maintaining a high quality of life.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) awarded the City Prosecutor's Office \$51,465.58 in 2014 to assist in the purchase and implementation of case management software, which will eventually replace the paper files that have been in use in the office since its inception. With this new software, prosecutors can efficiently handle DUIs and other highway-related offenses and seek greater accountability with modern methods, with the goal of making Tucson's streets and byways safer as a result. The City Attorney's Office is grateful to GOHS for its financial support and for its belief in our missions of providing excellent customer service to the residents of Tucson and dispensing justice in the prosecution of cases in Tucson City Court.

Summer Job

The Parks and Recreation Department is in need of Recreation Workers to assist with the Summer KIDCO children's programs. A Recreation Worker provides service to the patrons of the City Parks and Recreation facilities. This position assists in planning activities for children ages 5 to 12, prepares facilities for scheduled functions, and supervises youth activity participants. The Human Resource department is accepting applications beginning February 22, 2015 through March 7, 2015. On-line applications and recruitment process is available at www.tucsonaz.gov, and click JOBS. For additional questions contact the HR department at 791-4245.

Houghton Road by MJ Dillard

Street Lighting on Houghton:

We heard everyone's concerns at our open house covering lighting, and we have been doing a lot of research and adjusting our LED lighting accordingly. We are currently looking to reduce the 3500K LED lighting level to 3000K, and maybe less. We will have more information as we coordinate the implementation of our lighting policy.

We thank everyone that took the time to share their concerns covering lighting, and we want you to know we are listening and making changes where we can. We are still getting some questions about which projects on the corridor will be getting street lighting, so I would like to provide the current plan as it pertains to the corridor:

We plan to add street lighting as follows:

- * At all intersections
 - * On any part of Houghton that will be constructed from here on out, if there is any development in the project area. If there isn't any development in the project area, we will add the infrastructure necessary to add it later when the development comes in.
 - * For any part of developed Houghton that is completed and doesn't have street lighting, we will look for a way to add it in the future, but we don't currently have a funding source to fill these gaps in.
- What this means for the Corridor:
- Projects that have been completed-
- * Houghton, Old Vail/Mac Way Intersection- this has lighting at the intersection.
 - * Houghton, Irvington to Valencia- This has lighting at the intersections only. This project is complete, and may be slated to have street lighting added in the future as funding becomes available and development increases in this area.
- Projects that are in progress:
- * Houghton, Broadway to 22nd- This project is in a developed area, and we are adding street lighting all along Houghton in this project area.
 - * Bridge over the UPRR- There is no development in this area, so we will be adding the infrastructure, but not the lighting at this time.
 - * UPRR to I-10- There is no development in this area, so we will be adding the infrastructure, but not the lighting at this time.

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Transportation

Representatives from the City of Tucson Transportation Department and Pima Association of Governments will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on transportation projects on Wednesday, March 11 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Ward 2 Office (7575 E. Speedway).

Transportation 101 will also have a special update on Hourhgtton Road, Kolb/Sabino Extension and neighborhood paving.

For more information, please call 791-4687 or email the Ward 2 office at ward2@tucsonaz.gov.

Coming Up...

Tucson Rodeo Parade

Thurs. Feb. 26, 9am

Parade route begins on Ajo Highway 1/2 mile east of Park Ave. going east to Park Ave., then south on Park to Irvington Rd., west on Irvington to Sixth Ave. and north on Sixth to the North end of the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. The Tucson Rodeo will be here in town till March 1. Check out tucsonrodeo.com for more information.

Tucson Invitational Games Softball Tournament

Sun., March 1 - Sun., March 22, Lincoln Park, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive

COT will be hosting the 14th Annual Tucson Invitational Games. The tournament is a spring training event which started in 2002 hosting fourteen softball colleges and universities. Since the start of the program, the T.I.G has hosted over 400 schools from across the country. Contact the Tucson Invitational Games, 777-7680 for additional information or head to <http://www.tigsports.com>, or better yet, come out and watch a great game!

Civil War Days at Old Tucson

Sat. Feb. 28 - Sun. March 1, 10am-6pm, Old Tucson, 201 S. Kinney Rd.

The Arizona Sonora Western Heritage Foundation, and the Arizona Civil War Council present Civil War Days at Old Tucson. The event will feature a daily flag-raising ceremony and presentations by the Arizona Civil War Council that include displays and demonstrations illuminating Arizona's territorial days and its brief tenure as a Confederate territory.

Little Critters Workshop

Sat. March 7, 9am-10am, Reid Park Zoo

Who has feet? Who has fins? Are they fast or slow? Slither, stomp, and prance around the zoo while exploring the different ways animals move. Get ready for some exercise while finding out what it feels like to walk like the animals. This program is appropriate for 2-5 years old. An Adult chaperone is required. \$10 for Zoo Member children, \$16 for non-member children; chaperones are at no charge. For information and to register, please visit their website at www.reidparkzoo.org.

Women in Flight Showcase

Sat. March 7, 10am-2pm, Pima Air Space Museum

Take the young girls to this event to meet women currently active in aviation and featured in the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame. Guest speakers will be there as well as displays. Event is free with paid member admission. Go to www.pimaair.org for more information on this event.



In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.